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SUBJECT: USNRC-SOVIET EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR REGULATION:  
PRESSING THE SOVIETS TO RESPOND

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1. HAVING INFORMED ARIFMECHIKOV 20 JULY THAT QUESTION WOULD BE ASKED, EMBOFF 22 JULY MET WITH MYAKINKOV AND ARIFMECHIKOV AT SCAE TO PRESS FOR SOVIET RESPONSE TO NRC QUESTIONS (REF AND PREVIOUS). EMBOFF STATED THAT NRC HAD EARLIER PROVIDED A DESCRIPTION OF USG RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE NUCLEAR-REGULATION FIELD, AND HAD PROVIDED SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON THE ASSIGNMENTS OF SOVIET RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA. FURTHER, EMBOFF HAD PROVIDED TO SCAE SEVERAL NRC STUDIES WHICH MIGHT SERVE AS EXAMPLES OF NRC INTERESTS. WHILE AN EVENTUAL PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WOULD DEPEND ON DECISIONS WITHIN THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, AN EXCHANGE OF THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE RESPONSIBILITY-DELINEATIONS IS A NECESSARY FIRST STEP IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR COMMON INTERESTS AND EVENTUAL COOPERATION. EMBOFF REQUESTED STATUS ON SOVIET RESPONSE.

2. MYAKINKOV STATED THAT HIS REPLY WAS "PRELIMINARY" AND "UNOFFICIAL".

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HE SAID THAT SOVIETS APPRECIATED INFORMATION AND REPORTS SUPPLIED BY NRC, AND HAVE STUDIED THEM. HE SAID THAT THERE EXISTS A DIFFICULT SITUATION IN THAT THE USSR HAS NO ORGANIZATION ANALAGOUS TO THE U.S. NRC. HE SAID THAT SCAE'S INSPECTORATE FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY IS ONLY AN "INSPECTORATE," AND AS SUCH HAS NEVER HAD ANY COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. HE REFERRED TO PETROSYANTS' MENTION OF "COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY" DURING ROBERTS' VISIT, AND SAID THAT HE WISHED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS ONLY AN INSPECTORATE, AND NOT A COMMITTEE (COMMENT. MYAKINKOV MAY BE SAYING THAT AN INSPECTORATE, UNLIKE A COMMITTEE OR MINISTRY, DOES NOT HAVE A "PROTOCOL" OR "FOREIGN RELATIONS" OFFICE. IN THE SOVIET SCHEME OF THINGS, OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS GO THROUGH SUCH OFFICES). MYAKINKOV SAID THAT QUESTIONS ARE BEING STUDIED, AND THAT PERHAPS SOME SOVIET RESPONSE COULD BE PROVIDED DURING NEXT ATOMIC-ENERGY JCM.

3. EMBOFF RECALLED PETROSYANTS' MENTION, AND OBSERVED THAT IT IS PRECISELY A DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT NRC NEEDS. PROVIDING SUCH A DESCRIPTION DOES NOT COMMIT EITHER SIDE TO COOPERATION, BUT WOULD ALLOW A COMPARISON OF FORMS AND INTERESTS TO SEE IF SUCH COOPERATION MIGHT BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. EMBOFF OBSERVED THAT SUCH A DESCRIPTION WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED WELL BEFORE JCM TO ALLOW ANY REAL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION THERE. EMBOFF CLOSED WITH OFFER TO SEND BACK ANY INFORMATION WHICH SOVIETS COULD PROVIDE. MATLOCK

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